



Green Collar Jobs Council

FACT SHEET

Clean Energy Workforce Training Program

In March 2009, the Green Collar Jobs Council, the Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA), the Energy Commission, the Employment Development Department (EDD), the Employment Training Panel (ETP), and the State Board established the **Clean Energy Workforce Training Program** (CEWTP), the nation's largest state-sponsored green jobs training program. The CEWTP provides grants to promote the use of industry sector strategies for training workers in occupations related to energy efficiency, water efficiency, renewable energy (distributed generation and utility-scale), and alternative and renewable transportation technologies.

Thirty four local workforce development partnerships received \$26.75 million in state and ARRA funds to train approximately 5,600 unemployed, underemployed and new workforce entrants through the following programs:

- **Green Building and Clean Energy Pre-Apprenticeship and Re-training Partnerships**
- **Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technologies Workforce Development and Training Partnerships**

The local partnerships consist of a local Workforce Investment Board (local WIB) and a community college as well as community, labor, and other nongovernmental organizations. The partnerships are required to assemble an advisory council of local green businesses and will provide trainees with job placement services through existing WIB/One-Stop Career Centers. Funding through the Solicitation for Proposal is from four sources: \$14.5 million of ARRA funds, \$3.5 million in Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program funds provided by the Energy Commission, and \$10 million from Workforce Investment Act Governor's Discretionary funds. Grantees provide an additional \$23 million in public-private partnership matching funds.

Under the first phase, participants will receive training that will lead to variety of green-related degrees and certificates designed to help develop the state's low carbon, clean energy economy of tomorrow.